

Sound control blankets seen in action at DDSP

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The Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pa. (DDSP), Aerial Delivery and Textile team had a unique visit earlier this year when an Army CH47 Chinook Helicopter from Fort Indiantown Gap landed near their facility in New Cumberland, Pa. The DDSP employees had a special interest in checking out the interior of the Chinook, as they are responsible for manufacturing sound control blankets that line the inside body of the CH47.

“This was a great opportunity for all to get an up close and personal look at the actual application of the acoustical sound control blankets manufactured at Aerial Delivery,” said Gary Wevodau, Chief, DDSP Aerial Delivery and Textile team.

In Fiscal Year 2004, the team completed production of nearly 5,000 sound control blankets. The Fiscal Year 2005 production was nearly 5,000 each at 49 National Stock Numbers (NSNs). Their Fiscal Year 2006 program is estimated to include 39 NSNs and approximately 3,000 sound control blankets.

The mission of DDSP’s Aerial Delivery and Textile division is multi-purpose. They inspect, repair, modify, pack, store, and issue Federal Stock Class Aerial Delivery Equipment (ADE) and related items for the Department of Defense. They manage

five separate operational sections that provide contingency cargo parachute re-pack, depot-level ADE repair, military free fall and static line airdrop, warehouse operations, and the manufacture of aircraft acoustical blankets for the Army Material Command (AMC). They also serve as advisors to other agencies on the status of depot aerial delivery assets reserved for war, contingencies and training.

Army riggers and civilians assigned to the Aerial Delivery and Textile division are quite busy issuing Aerial Delivery items in support of the Warfighter. They are fortunate to employ a very unique civilian work force that is familiar with the special needs and requirements of aerial delivery life support equipment.



Margaret Boher sews an acoustical blanket at the Aerial Delivery and Textile operations facility.